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WILLIAMS, THE INVESTIGATOR

Henry Shaler Williams, or "Lord Harry" as I had familiarly called him for many years, was one of the finest types of the American man of science, the product of the best American ancestry, of an exceptional home environment and of an association with a great University from boyhood to the close of his career. He was upright, cleancut, generous in dealing with his associates and scientific colleagues, and when once a friend continued true under any and all vicissitudes.

If I were asked to name his weakest point, it would be his over generous and forgiving disposition toward those who took advantage of that kindly nature, thereby causing him undue mental suffering and sometimes material loss.

In his geological and paleontological investigations, Williams not only did thorough work in the field and in the laboratory, but in his interpretation and illustration of what he discovered and developed he applied philosophic principles which have given his papers exceptional value.

In the passing of Williams, science has lost an advocate of the highest ideals of research work, a close student of physical and biological problems in geology, and one who for years was a quiet and effective leader, by his influence giving direction to philosophic geological thought and to the organization of American geologists into a compact, harmonious and effective body.

To me he was a dear personal friend and honored colleague. I shall miss him as one of the best representatives of a generation of American geologists rapidly passing beyond active scientific research.

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